
Site Address:	7 The Parchment, Havant, PO9 1HD		
Proposal:	Fell 1No. Sycamore, subject to TPO1302.		
Application No:	APP/17/00838	Expiry Date:	25/09/2017
Applicant:	Mrs P Hollick		
Agent:	Mr M Reed	Case Officer:	Maria Stewart
	All Tree Solutions Ltd		
Ward:	St Faiths		

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

7 The Parchment, Havant, PO9 1HD

2 Planning History

02/52326/006 - Height reduction by 20% and reduce the radii by 20% or back to the old wound points of a sycamore tree (T1) subject to TPO 1302., PERM,07/10/2002

00/52326/005 - Height reduction by 2m and reduce the radii by 1m or back to the old wound points, of a Sycamore tree (T1) subject to TPO 1302., PERM,29/08/2000

98/52326/004 - Crown and height reduction and crown raise Sycamore tree (T1) subject to TPO 1302

, PERM,27/08/1998

97/52326/003 - Felling of Sycamore, tree T1 the subject of TPO 1302, REF,08/09/1997

95/52326/002 - Felling of one sycamore (T2) and 35% crown reduction of on other sycamore (T1) both covered by TPO 1302.

, PERM,21/08/1995

92/52326/001 - Remove 3

lowest limbs on southernmost tree and raise crown on northernmost tree to

match; thin and reduce by 20% crowns on both trees covered by TPO 1302, PERM,

05/52326/007 - Application for crown and height reduction of 20% a Sycamore tree (T1) of TPO 1501 within St Faith's Conservation Area., REF,10/11/2005

06/52326/008 - Application to reduce height of Sycamore tree (T1) by 20% subject to TPO 1501., PERM,06/11/2006

09/52326/009 - Crown reduce by 20% 1No. Sycamore tree (T1), subject to TPO 1302., PERM,07/10/2009

APP/11/01569 - Reduce 1No. Sycamore tree (T1) by 2.5m to previous pruning points, subject to TPO 1302. , PERM,07/12/2011

APP/13/00803 - Crown reduce 1No. Sycamore (T1) by 2m in height and 1.5m in width back to previous pruning points, subject to TPO 1302., PERM,25/09/2013

APP/15/00846 - Crown reduce 1No. Sycamore by 2m in height and 1.5m in width, back to previous pruning points, subject to TPO 1302., PERM,23/09/2015

3 Proposal

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4 Policy Considerations

National Planning Policy Framework

Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) March 2011

DM8 (Conservation, Protection and Enhancement of Existing Natural Features)

Havant Borough Local Plan (Allocations) July 2014

Listed Building Grade: Not applicable.

Conservation Area: St Faiths

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Landscape Team

6 Community Involvement

This application was publicised in accordance with the Council's Code of Practice for Publicity of Planning Applications approved at minute 207/6/92 (as amended), as a result of which the following publicity was undertaken:

Number of neighbour notification letters sent: 9

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 0

Comment	Officer Comment

7 Planning Considerations

7.1 Having regard to the relevant policies of the development plan it is considered that the main issues arising from this application are:

- Whether the degree of pruning works requested would undermine the amenity value of these trees and whether this could also be harmful to their ongoing health and vitality.

- 7.2 My inspection related specifically to assessing the proposed works rather than generally inspecting the tree's health and condition in any great detail. I visually inspected the tree from ground level and the following report deals with the relevant issues that have been raised on site, in the application form and from my site observations.
- 7.3 The subject of this application is a mature Sycamore tree located in the rear garden of a property in The Parchment, Havant. The rear boundary adjoins South Street which runs parallel to the rear gardens. Therefore the crown has unrestricted views from the street scene and possesses a high public amenity value.

The tree was viewed from South Street due to restricted access and therefore the base could not be assessed as to its condition. The main stem forks to two major scaffold limbs at an approximate height of 3 metres from ground level. The union appears to show no obvious signs of poor condition. The crown has been historically managed as a pollard due to its close proximity to the property and appears to be displaying normal vigour and vitality.

The tree is a lapsed pollard and there is continued pressure to prune since the crown is extremely close to the upper windows of the property and is causing a significant shading nuisance. While the tree possesses a high amenity value, the tree is located in an unsustainable position and its size is inappropriate for such a small residential garden. For this reason, In combination with the its poor form, the proposed felling would allow for mitigation replanting of a more suitably sized species for its location.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00838

(A)

(B) for the following reasons/subject to the following conditions

- 1 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall not be carried out otherwise than in full accordance with all relevant content of BS 3998 (2010).
Reason: In the interests of tree health and safety.
- 2 The tree pruning/surgery for which consent is hereby granted shall not exceed the following: Fell 1No. Sycamore, subject to TPO1302.
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the tree(s) and its/their importance in the local landscape.
- 3 The tree to be felled shall be replaced by a Lombardy Cherry (*Prunus Amanogawa*) or a Rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*) to be planted in a position as near as practicable to the position of the tree to be felled and at a height of at least 2 metres when such replacement planting is carried out.

Reason: To conserve and safeguard the visual amenities of the locality.

- 4 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 25/09/18.

Reason: To control the timing of the works